

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. to 4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus, comprising:

a receiver that receives an ending instruction from a user for instructing the apparatus to terminate use of the apparatus by the user;

a search unit that searches for a pending task to be performed by the user within a predetermined timeframe of the time when said receiver receives the ending instruction from the user; and

a notifier that notifies the user of the pending task to be performed within the predetermined timeframe when the pending task is found by said search unit.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus, comprising:

a receiver that receives an ending instruction from a user for instructing the apparatus to terminate a use of the apparatus by the user;

an inferring unit that infers a destination of a user based on a user's schedule when said receiver receives the ending instruction from the user;

a search unit that searches for a pending task relevant to the inferred destination of the user and to be performed within a predetermined timeframe of the time when said receiver receives the ending instruction from the user; and

a notifier that notifies the user of the pending task relevant to the destination of the user.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus, comprising:

a receiver that receives an ending instruction from a user for instructing the apparatus to terminate a use of the apparatus by the user;

an inferring unit that infers a person with whom the user is scheduled to meet based on a user's schedule when said receiver receives the ending instruction from the user;

a search unit that searches for a pending task relevant to the person with whom the user is scheduled to meet within a predetermined timeframe of the time when said receiver receives the ending instruction from the user; and

a notifier that notifies the user of the pending task relevant to the person with whom the user is scheduled to meet.

10. to 14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) An information processing method, comprising the steps of:

a receiving step of receiving an ending instruction from a user for instructing an information processing apparatus to terminate a use of the information processing apparatus by the user;

a searching step of searching for a pending task to be performed by the user within a predetermined timeframe of the time when ~~said receiving step receives~~ the ending instruction is received from the user in said receiving step; and

a notification step of notifying the user of the pending task to be performed within the predetermined time when the pending task is found in said searching step.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) An information processing method, comprising the steps of:

a receiving step of receiving an ending instruction from a user for instructing an information processing apparatus to terminate a use of the information processing apparatus by the user;

an inferring step of inferring a destination of a user based on a user's schedule when ~~said receiving step receives~~ the ending instruction is received from the user in said receiving step;

a searching step of searching for a pending task relevant to the inferred destination of the user and to be performed within a predetermined timeframe of the time when ~~said receiving step receives~~ the ending instruction is received from the user in said receiving step; and

a notification step of notifying the user of the pending task relevant to the destination of the user.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) An information processing method, comprising the steps of:

a receiving step of receiving an ending instruction from a user for instructing an information processing apparatus to terminate a use of the information processing apparatus by the user;

an inferring step of inferring a person with whom the user is scheduled to meet based on a user's schedule when ~~said receiving step receives~~ the ending instruction is received from the user in said receiving step;

a searching step of searching for a pending task relevant to the person with whom the user is scheduled to meet within a predetermined timeframe of the time when ~~said receiving step receives~~ the ending instruction is received from the user in said receiving step; and

a notification step of notifying the user of the pending task relevant to the person with whom the user is scheduled to meet.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium which stores a program for controlling a computer, the program comprising the steps of:

a receiving step of receiving an ending instruction from a user for instructing an information processing apparatus to terminate a use of the information processing apparatus by the user;

a searching step of searching for a pending task to be performed by the user within a predetermined timeframe of the time when ~~said receiving step receives~~ the ending instruction is received from the user in said receiving step; and

a notification step of notifying the user of the pending task to be performed within the predetermined timeframe when the pending task is found in said searching step.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus, comprising:

a schedule storage, for storing a plurality of pending tasks to be performed by a user;

an entry adder, that adds a new task to be performed by the user to said schedule storage;

a search unit that searches said schedule storage for a previously scheduled pending task relevant to the new task when said entry adder adds the new task; and

a notifier that notifies [[a]] the user of the pending task relevant to the new task when the pending task is found by said search unit.

24. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 23, wherein said search unit searches a pending task relevant to a location where the new task is to be performed.

25. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 23, wherein said search unit searches a pending task relevant to a person related to the new task.

26. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 23, wherein said search unit searches a pending task to be performed subsequent to the new task.

27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently Amended) An information processing method, comprising the steps of:

an addition step, of adding a new task to be performed by a user to a schedule memory for storing a plurality of pending tasks to be performed by the user;

a search step, of searching the schedule memory for a previously scheduled pending task relevant to the new task when said entry adder adds the new task; and

a notification step, of notifying [[a]] the user of the pending task relevant to the new task when the pending task is found by said search step.

29. (Previously Presented) An information processing method according to Claim 28, wherein, in said search step, a search is performed for a pending task relevant to a location where the new task is to be performed.

30. (Previously Presented) An information processing method according to Claim 28, wherein, in said search step, a search is performed for a pending task relevant to a person related to the new task.

31. (Previously Presented) An information processing method according to Claim 28, wherein, in said search step, a search is performed for a pending task to be performed subsequent to the new task.

32. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium which stores a program for controlling a computer, the program comprising codes for permitting the computer to perform the steps of:

an addition step, of adding a new task to be performed by a user to a schedule memory for storing a plurality of pending tasks;

a search step, of searching the schedule memory for a previously scheduled pending task to be performed by the user relevant to the new task when said entry adder adds the new task; and

a notification step, of notifying ~~[[a]]~~ the user of the pending task relevant to the new task when the pending task is found by said search step.